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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 9 June 1952

FROM : Chief of Station, Frankfurt *6/28/52*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Disappearance of CAUTERY 3

1. CAUTERY 3 was dispatched on 10 May to carry out two assignments in the Sovzone, the first of which was to attempt to contact a friend of CAUTERY 17 in Dresden, from whom we have heard nothing for several months. He confirmed his arrival in Dresden on 13 May by telegram, sent another telegram on the 14th, and a postcard on the 15th, all indicating nothing unusual. On 17 May his wife received another telegram from him, using a pre-arranged text which indicated that he had been arrested.

2. Since that time we have been able to discover nothing about CAUTERY 3. His wife has made, and is continuing to make, all normal inquiries as to his fate, including a direct letter to the Dresden police. We are inclined to assume that the fact that CAUTERY 3 was able to send a telegram after his arrest indicates a charge considerably less dangerous than that of espionage. Our optimism is reinforced by the fact that his mission in Dresden had no connection with any other operation, and that he has everything to gain by admitting only and at the most that he had been requested by a friend to contact CAUTERY 17, and that he knew nothing about the further circumstances of the case.

3. In any event, there is nothing for us to do but await his (possible) return, and treat him with caution when he does show up. At the moment, we have too few facts at our disposition to attempt to theorize. However, as of now we have noted no disturbance in other facets of the CAUTERY operation with which CAUTERY 3 was conversant.

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